(c) to (e) Construction of new International Terminal Building has been undertaken at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport, Ahmedabad to cater to 1000 passengers at a time at an estimated cost of Rs. 291 crore. The expected date of completion is end of February, 2009.

Insurance for Income Tax Payer

†*266. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to insure every income-tax payer for an amount of ten lakh rupees;

(b) if so, the date from which it would be introduced; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration for providing insurance cover to the Income-tax payers by the Central Government.

Participation of Private Sector in Training of Pilots

*269. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made an assessment of prospective need for commercial pilots in civil aviation sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether the country has world class training institutes to meet the prospective requirement of trained commercial pilots;

(c) the current strength of the existing civil aviation academies/campuses in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the existing strength of aviation academies/ campuses; and

(e) what will be the cost of such expansion and whether Government is open to participation by the private operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. With the present growth of aviation industry it has been estimated that in the next five years 5000 additional pilots would be required for scheduled operations and 1000 pilots for non scheduled and private operations.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a premier flying training institute, namely, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) at Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh. It has also been decided to set up a world class flying training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra.

(c) There are 43 flying training institutes in the country approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) providing training for various licences like Private Pilot Licence, Commercial Pilot Licence etc. The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) is an autonomous society under the Central Government. Of the remaining 42 institutes, 27 are run by various State Governments and the balance 15 by private entrepreneurs. Out of the 43 approved flying clubs, 16 are non-operational. At present approximately 850 cadets are undergoing flying training for various courses at these institutions.

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